

BAR HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
JAN. 12, 2009

ITEM 1
CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. Present were Albert, Weber, Handel, Watson, Wheeler, Kreig and Kelly.

ITEM 2
EXCUSED ABSENCES

Laureen is still out of town and may be for several more months.

ITEM 3
ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

October minutes were accepted with the change of spelling of Mary Ann's name and the addition of Item 7- Adjournment. December minutes were accepted as presented.

ITEM 4
ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda was adopted as presented.

ITEM 5
OLD BUSINESS

A. Council Update (M.A.) M.A. shared with us her Work Plan report to the Town Council. She gave them copies of our Work Plan, including projects completed. The Council approved the Work Plan.

B. Dark Skies Brochure and spec. (M. A.) M. A. reported on her presentation to the Council. They support the Dark Skies effort. The Chamber is also in great support of the initiative. ANP will sponsor a Night Skies festival in Sept. The Dark Skies initiative has gained much publicity, including in the Boston Globe. John Kelly is working on the brochure -it's funding and publishing. It's purpose is to raise awareness and educate- energy efficiency of dark skies compliant lighting fixtures- education is primary goal. John will bring us a draft to review before it goes to print.

B.Northeast Creek brochure. We'd like to send it to all Northeast Creek watershed land owners. Perhaps include it with tax bills, this time and next. Audubon will give \$500., MCHT- \$300., FOA- \$300.

C.Solid Waste and Recycling- Chris Brown has started a "Food Recovery" business. He will collect outdated food from food sellers. We will invite him to future meeting.

M. A. suggests we think about generating energy with heat plants. Enock suggests we visit Georgetown and Ellsworth recycling programs. We discussed sponsoring field trips and tours of green buildings.- Bio Lab, COA, ...

ITEM 6
NEW BUSINESS

A. Culverts- John Kelly reports- IFW and ANP evaluated 120 fish and wildlife passages in and out of ANP- 80% cause barriers to fish passage. An appropriately constructed culvert has to be replaced or repaired less often. They make the roads safer (no flooding, freezing, erosion, etc) We reviewed a proposed ordinance and discussed best ways to get all entities (town, private, DOT, DEP, ANP) to work

together to meet the same goal- to replace damaged culverts with fish and wildlife friendly culverts. Anne K. will review and edit the proposed ordinance. A resolution was moved and all were in favor.

--We charge Anne Krieg to incorporate the rewrite of the street ordinance- we'd like an opportunity to review the draft.--

we'd like Dick Broom to do an article for fall town meeting.

B. Vernal pool mapping. There will be a training workshop in March to teach volunteers to survey vernal pools. Chris is working on this. Noah (COA) would like to come talk with us.

C. Staff Reports- Anne K. reports that there is \$1250.00 in this year budget. Money will be tight for the town this year.

ITEM 7 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Dark skies brochure

Culverts

Vernal Pool volunteers -got any?

ITEM 8 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm

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